

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kaoru SAKAKIBARA et al.

Group Art Unit: 3765

Application No.: 10/656,338

Examiner: I. IZAGUIRRE

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Docket No.: 117019

For: SEWING MACHINE AND THREAD CASSETTE ATTACHED THERETO

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the June 14, 2005 Office Action, the shortened statutory period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 6 and 7 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3-5 and 9-11.

Claims 1, 2 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Japanese Application No. 2002-189517 (JP '517). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

JP '517 cannot be applied in a rejection based on 35 U.S.C. §102(e) because JP '517 is not a U.S. application published either as a U.S. publication or U.S. patent. Furthermore, JP '517 does not qualify as a reference against this application. This application was filed on September 8, 2003 and JP '517 published as JP-A-2004-024765 on January 29, 2004.

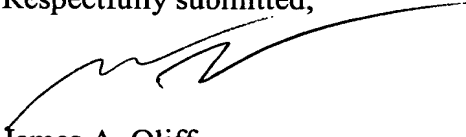
It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

The corresponding U.S. Application No. 10/607,147, filed June 27, 2003 (U.S. Publication No. 2004-0000263), also does not qualify as a reference against this application. This application claims priority from Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-264499, filed September 10, 2002.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment:
Petition for Extension of Time

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